Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Were these saplings or logs or toplings subsequently sold at public auction?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—No. It was given to the Ranger.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—It was given to the very same person who was responsible for the whole thing?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—Yes.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Is not auction generally conducted when such logs are detected?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—But it was not an illicit transport, so it was given to him.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—How is it that it is not illicit? Were the logs stamped when they were detected?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—The logs had not been stamped, but they were stamped subsequently.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—That is, when this was detected; on the very same day, the passes were prepared and they were produced before the Southern Divisional Forest Officer before stamping.

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—Before stamping the saplings were transported to Parakkadavu, and there was no offence in transporting the saplings to Parakkadavu.

259. Mr. A. B. Salem.—Will the Government be pleased to state (1) whether there was any case of illicit transport of logs on which the Parakadavu Tanahdar had reported to the Sub-divisional Forest Officer in the year 1101;

(2) will the Government be further pleased to call for and place on the Table of the House the file of the Southern Divisional Office, Dis. No. 731/01.

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—(1) No.

(2) The Member is referred to the answer to question No. 646 of the Legislative Session of Meenam 1104.

Council resolution to allow people to remove without passes head-loads of timber, etc.

260. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state what action they have taken regarding the resolution passed by the Council to allow people to remove head-loads of bamboos, fuel, &c., from the forests without permits?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—A copy of the Diwan's Proceedings R. O. C.3861/1104, dated 26th July 1929, is appended. (*Appendix III.*)

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The heading is 'head-loads of *timber*'. It is not timber. Timber is not generally removed. It is only fuel.

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